

Partly Cloudy Tonight  
and Saturday.

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## SCHOOLS ASSAILED; PROBE IS STARTED BY BOARD MEMBER

Blair Doubts Efficiency of  
Teaching Corps Under  
Present System.

## WOMEN UNDERPAID SAYS A. T. STUART

Less Accomplished in Washington  
Than in Other Cities, It Is  
Claimed—Opinions Offered.

## Results of Charge That Teachers Overworked

Investigation to find out whether  
Washington School system reaches  
the standard set in other cities  
started by Henry P. Blair.

"Unless all the kickers come to me,  
there is something wrong," says  
Board of Education member.

Wide controversy aroused by state-  
ment before Board of Education  
that teachers in Washington  
schools are overworked.

Conditions here regarded as almost  
ideal by other cities, declares di-  
rector of primary instruction.

Whether the same results are being  
accomplished in the course of a five-  
hour school day in Washington as in  
other cities, is the subject of an ex-  
tended investigation by Henry P. Blair,  
newest member of the Board of Edu-  
cation.

Mr. Blair aroused wide comment at  
the recent Board of Education meeting  
by the statement that teachers in the  
Washington schools were already given  
more to do than time to do it in, and  
by taking an incidental dig at the  
business methods of the Board of Edu-  
cation.

"Either I catch all the kickers, or there  
is something decidedly wrong with  
some features in the school system," de-  
clared Mr. Blair, to-day.

"I am not ready at this time to make  
any definite statement, other than  
what I said at the board meeting. But  
it stands to reason that if an investiga-  
tion proves that we are doing less here  
in the same time than is accomplished  
in other cities, we either aren't plan-  
ning our work right or our teaching  
force is incompetent. It is up to us to  
find out which."

Opinions Vary.  
The amount of work allotted to teach-  
ers aroused wide discussion in school  
circles today, and brought forth widely  
divergent opinions from various school  
executives.

"I have just one sentence to say on this  
subject," declared Superintendent  
of Schools A. T. Stuart. "I never saw  
a public school teacher who was  
overworked and underpaid."

President W. V. Cox, of the Board of  
Education, intimated that the amount  
of work done by teachers wasn't un-  
usually excessive.

The members of the Board of Edu-  
cation are pretty hard workers," he  
said. "School teaching isn't any easy  
job, but I don't think our teachers suf-  
fer more than the average teacher in  
other schools."

Miss M. E. Brown, director of primary  
instruction, who comes directly in con-  
tact with teachers in grade schools,  
and who has made a close study of  
conditions in other cities, said that  
Washington teachers were being con-  
gratulated rather than pitted.

"The program given our teachers is  
undoubtedly heavy," said Miss Brown.  
"This is not a condition in Washington  
alone, it is general. There is more to  
be taught a pupil now than there was  
ten years ago. It has now become a  
question of what to eliminate from  
our courses, not what to add. As in any  
stage of transition the workers natu-  
rally have to bear a heavier burden than  
usual."

Much Unassigned Time.  
"But though we give teachers a week-  
ly program showing how much time ap-  
proximately should be devoted to each  
study, she is left to work out the order  
that best suits her. The unassigned  
time in various grades ranges from  
60 minutes to 125 minutes, and I admit  
that is too much."

"The Washington schools have be-  
come widely known through other  
cities for the ideal relation between  
parents, teachers, and pupils which  
exists here. It is a relation that closely  
resembles the home, and not the old-  
time school."

P. M. Hughes said in his belief  
Washington school teachers worked  
hard, but were not necessarily over-  
worked.

## WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday;  
not much change in temperature; light  
to moderate variable winds.

TEMPERATURES.  
8 a. m. .... 32  
9 a. m. .... 32  
10 a. m. .... 32  
11 a. m. .... 32  
12 noon .... 32  
1 p. m. .... 32  
2 p. m. .... 32

SUN TABLE.  
Sun rises ..... 6:45  
Sun sets ..... 4:45

TIDE TABLE.  
Today—High tide, 8:47 a. m. and 9:07  
p. m. Low tide, 2:52 a. m. and 3:02 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide, 9:40 a. m. and  
10:00 p. m. Low tide, 3:32 a. m. and 3:55  
p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WATER.  
HARPER'S FERRY, Va., Nov. 18.—  
Both rivers clear today.

\$1.25 To Baltimore and Return  
Saturdays and Sundays via Pennsylvania  
Railroad. Tickets good returning until  
Sunday night. All regular trains except  
the "Congressional Limited."—Adv.

## Dramatic Incidents in Career of Sims

John G. Sims, Washington agent  
for the Life Insurance Company  
of Virginia, pleads guilty to an  
indictment charging him with em-  
bezzlement.

The indictment contains ten counts,  
ranging from \$60 to \$2,100, and  
aggregating \$3,600.

Arrest made in a hospital where  
lay ill from a sensational attempt  
which he had made to end his  
life.

Because of his good standing  
among his employers and among  
Washington business men, he may  
obtain a parole.

## SIMS ADMITS GUILT IN EMBEZZLEMENT CASE; ASKS PAROLE

Man Who Tried to End Life  
Confesses Robbing In-  
surance Firm.

## WAS TRUSTED AS EMPLOYEE

Good Reputation Held Up to Court  
and May Aid in Obtaining  
His Release.

Appealing to the mercy of the court,  
John G. Sims, former Washington  
agent for the Life Insurance Company  
of Virginia, today pleaded guilty in  
Criminal Court No. 2 to an indictment  
charging him with embezzlement.

The indictment contained ten counts,  
the amounts ranging from \$60 to \$2,100,  
the total amount of the embezzlement  
being over \$3,600.

Through W. E. Ambrose, his attorney,  
Mr. Sims made an appeal for a parole  
under the new probation law, and it is  
understood that the life insurance  
company will make no vigorous op-  
position, owing to extenuating circum-  
stances in the case. For further in-  
vestigation the prisoner was remanded  
to jail until next week. Chief Justice  
Clabaugh will pass on the motion then.

Attempt To End Life.  
The arrest of Sims was made under  
dramatic conditions while he lay in a  
hospital suffering from the results of  
an attempt to end his life. A guard  
was placed over him at the hospital,  
and when he had sufficiently recovered  
from the effects of his suicide attempt,  
he was placed in jail. The grand jury  
returned an indictment last week.

It was in the latter part of September  
that Sims made the attempt at self-  
destruction.

Company Was Suspicious.  
Looking for a motive for the act,  
officers of the insurance company be-  
came suspicious that he was short in  
his accounts, and expert accountants  
were put to work on the books in the  
company's local office. Defalcations  
were discovered, and a warrant ob-  
tained.

Before Sims' attempted suicide he  
had a good reputation, and this is ex-  
pected to aid in getting parole.

## MARINE CORPS HEAD ON RETIRED LIST

Maj. Gen. Elliott, Comman-  
dant, Will Step Out  
November 30.

Maj. Gen. George Frank Elliott, com-  
mandant of the Marine Corps, was, by  
orders issued today, placed upon the re-  
tired list, his retirement to take effect  
November 30.

## BEEF TRUST GETS CHANGE OF VENUE

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Judge Kenesaw  
Mountain Landis today ruled that he  
was not qualified to hear the Govern-  
ment's case against meat packers who  
are accused of conspiring to form a  
combination in restraint of trade. He  
will grant the change of venue asked  
by the attorneys for the packers.

The change was asked on the ground  
that several years ago Judge Landis,  
then an attorney, served in the pro-  
secution of a Beef trust case.

Judge Landis did not say whether he  
would send the case to the United  
States Circuit Court, or whether he  
would appoint another judge at the  
United States district court to hear it.

"In view of the arguments in the pe-  
tition for a change of venue and of the  
proximity of my activity in the in-  
vestigation of this subject, it is plain  
I cannot hear the case," said the judge  
in making the ruling.

## Marital Troubles Taken to Courts for Adjustment



COUNT ALEXANDER VON MOURIK DE BEAUFORT. COUNTESS DE BEAUFORT, FORMERLY IRMA KILGALLAN.

## LAWYER'S WIFE SEEKS A DIVORCE

Mrs. Charlotte Weikert Wants Husband Arrested to Pre-  
vent His Alleged Proposed Flight  
From City.

Fearing that her husband, Clyde B.  
Weikert, a well-known young Wash-  
ington attorney, against whom she to-  
day filed a suit for absolute divorce,  
would leave the city before the papers  
could be served, Mrs. Charlotte Weikert  
obtained an order from Justice Stafford,  
of the District Supreme Court, requir-  
ing the defendant to furnish a bond of  
\$1,000 or go to jail.

The order was placed in the hands  
of the marshal, who was told that the  
young lawyer could be found in a cer-  
tain Turkish bath house. A deputy  
marshal was sent after Weikert, and  
he was taken to the jail. The Weikerts  
were married at Atlantic City in September, 1909, and soon  
after took up residence in Chevy Chase.

A few months after the marriage, Mrs.  
Weikert alleges, her husband began to  
drink to excess and to treat her in a  
brutal manner.

She alleges that only a few weeks ago  
in trying to push her into a bath room  
in the Ontario apartment house, her  
husband severely crushed her left arm.  
Mrs. Weikert avers in her petition  
that last week she met her husband  
and another young woman together on  
the street and that a scene resulted  
when she demanded that he accompany  
her home. At that time, she says, her  
husband admitted that he was in love  
with the other woman and would go  
with her wherever she wanted him to.

In requesting that her husband be  
placed in bond, Mrs. Weikert claimed  
that he had told her he was going to  
Philadelphia either today or tomorrow.

## JOBS IN PANAMA TO BE BOYCOTTED Muzzles on Dogs ARE THERE TO STAY

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 18.—In the  
event that demands of the bolliermakers  
engaged in the Panama Canal zone are  
refused by the Government, and those  
workmen who quit yesterday effect a  
general strike, the canal vacancies will  
not be filled by mechanics from the  
United States.

This declaration was made today by  
J. A. Franklin, president of the Inter-  
national Bolliermakers' Union here.

"I don't think there will be a strike  
in Panama," said the bolliermakers'  
president, who is attending the Ameri-  
can Federation of Labor convention.

"If there is a strike, however, the  
bolliermakers employed on the canal will  
not be interfered with by men from  
home. The trouble is not alone a ques-  
tion of wages. They are asking sixteen  
days' leave on full pay just as is given  
employees in the civil service."

"It was queer that the President  
should have refused to see the bolliermak-  
ers when he went to Panama for the  
purpose of investigating."

A Cabinet meeting was held for the  
discussion of the workmen's conditions.  
A decision was withheld until President  
Taft could obtain first hand knowledge  
by a visit to the canal. When he got  
there he said he was compelled to  
"hurry on."

President Franklin had been advised  
that 143 bolliermakers quit work late  
yesterday because President Taft had  
asked them to await his return here.

The United States for a reply to their de-  
mands.

By the will of William D. Swan, who  
died October 10, his estate, which is  
valued at about \$20,000, will be divided  
between his widow, Mrs. Martha J.  
Swan, and his daughter, Mrs. Alice  
Orvis, after a step-daughter, Clara  
Stewart, has been paid \$200.

The will of John Krause, which was  
also filed in Probate Court, leaves his  
\$12,000 estate to his wife, Mrs. Harriet  
Krause, and on her death the will pro-  
vides that the property shall go to his  
children, Ernest L., Pauline E., and  
Elmer C. Krause.

## BEAUFORT LOSES ATTORNEY'S HELP

Chicago Lawyer Finds Sup-  
posed Count Too Great  
Talker.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Count Alexander  
von Mourik de Beaufort was scheduled  
to have two little sessions with the Chi-  
cago courts today and announced that  
he was ready except for the fact that  
his lawyer had quit the case because  
the count has been too voluble a con-  
versationalist.

The count had to defend himself in  
the Harrison street municipal court on  
a charge of disorderly conduct as a re-  
sult of a scene he is said to have made  
at St. Luke's Hospital, where his wife,  
formerly Irma Kilgallen, daughter of a  
Chicago millionaire, is suffering from  
a broken ankle and other injuries, which  
some of the count's enemies have at-  
tributed to a fight with the count.

Later he had to defend a suit for \$63  
filed by a haberdasher for respendent  
tailor. The count expects to find a  
new attorney at once.

Count Alexander de Beaufort today  
had to offer \$1,000 a week to be a  
monologue on the big vaudeville cir-  
cuits, but he said he would decline the  
offer.

The count hates notoriety, he says,  
and does not want any more than is  
coming to him daily in Chicago. Mean-  
while, however, he is hunting a job, but  
he admitted that he could not pose be-  
fore the footlights, as does Miss Laura  
Johnson, and give authentic advice  
to the lovers.

In fact, he is looking for a little ad-  
vice himself.

## W. C. T. U. HONORS FRANCES WILLARD

Memorial Services Are Held  
At Her Statue In  
Capitol.

Hailed by the belligerent smasher,  
Mrs. CARRY A. NATION, a delegation of  
500 temperance women, representing  
every State in the Union, arrived in  
Washington this morning from Balti-  
more, where they have attended the na-  
tional W. C. T. U. convention, and  
marched upon the Capitol.

Notwithstanding the fact that she  
had just declared that the temperance  
women of America needed to center  
their efforts upon the legislative halls  
of the Capitol, Mrs. Nation took a  
cab at the station and proceeded  
"down town on business," instead of  
accompanying the delegates to Statu-  
ary Hall, where elaborate memorial  
services were held at the foot of the  
statue of Frances E. Willard.

With prayer, song, and eulogies, rat-  
ional and local temperance leaders  
paid tribute to the dead leader of  
their cause, while from the gallery  
an audience of several hundred people  
looked on and joined in the singing.

Though the temperance women of  
America, according to a statement  
made by Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis,  
chairman of the national legislative  
committee, W. C. T. U., will probably  
attempt to secure legislation against  
the liquor traffic from Congress, the  
meeting closed this morning was en-  
tirely in the nature of a memorial to  
Miss Willard, and no mention of the  
whisky evil was made.

The statue  
of the great founder of the organiza-  
tion was completely hidden at its base  
by splendid white and yellow chrys-  
anthemums, to which were added a  
floral tribute of roses sent by the  
Illinois delegation.

About 300 delegates are expected.

## U. S. TAR IS SLAIN

PARIS, Nov. 18.—According to a Cher-  
bourg dispatch to L'Intransigeant bloody  
riots occurred there early today between  
the sailors of the second division of the  
American fleet and French soldiers.

The body of an American sailor was  
later found floating in the inner port,  
the dispatch says.

All the patrols in Cherbourg are now  
carrying guns with bayonets attached  
to prevent another attack by the  
Americans, who are alleged to have been  
the aggressors in today's fight.

## THRUST INTO TRUNK WHILE STILL ALIVE, MAN IS LEFT TO DIE

Victim In Latest Murder  
Mystery Partly Identi-  
fied By Police.

## AUTOPSY PROVES DOCTORS' THEORY

Traces of Hemorrhage In One  
Lung Believed to Mean  
Asphyxiation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—The startling  
discovery was made today that the hu-  
man remains found in a trunk and in-  
cised in zinc, at 450 West Fifth-fourth  
street, were those of a man, who had  
been thrust into the trunk alive, and  
who had been asphyxiated after it was  
locked and hermetically sealed with  
plaster of paris.

The mystery is one of the most baff-  
ling and gruesome that ever confronted  
the New York police.

Coroner's Physician J. D. Meahan,  
and Prof. John McAllister, performed  
an autopsy upon the remains today,  
when they made the sensational dis-  
covery that the man had been placed  
living into the trunk.

Cause of Death.  
The left lung showed traces of a hem-  
orrhage, which, the doctors declared,  
had been caused by asphyxiation.

A police dragnet was thrown out today  
in the attempt to find a café waiter  
known as W. Lewis, and thus clear up  
the mystery.

By the merest chance the old trunk  
which had been stored away for years  
in the basement of the apartment house  
at 450 West Fifth-fourth street was  
opened by Philip Meagher, an occupant  
of the house, and before his startled  
eyes the man and decomposed body of  
a human being was exposed.

The police at first thought the remains  
were those of a woman.

The trunk was lined with zinc, and  
this was sealed with plaster of paris to  
prevent the odor of decaying flesh from  
escaping. There were a couple of old  
newspapers bearing the dates of April  
17 and 20, 1902.

Trunk Seized.  
Eight years ago Lewis, a waiter,  
boarded in the Meagher home. At that  
time they resided in another part of  
the city. Lewis left his room owing  
room rent, so the Meagher family seized  
his trunk and held it as surety. They  
did not open the trunk, thinking that  
Lewis would return for it. In the course  
of time it was forgotten. When the  
family moved into Fifty-fourth street,  
the trunk was placed in the basement,  
where it collected dust and cobwebs.

The janitor of the house complained  
of the room which the trunk took up, so  
Meagher decided to open it to see if he  
could find some trace of Lewis' relatives,  
intending to send it to them.

The name, "W. Lewis," was painted  
in white letters upon the outside of the  
trunk.

The police learned today, they say,  
that Lewis was very friendly with a girl  
named Winton, and that she disappeared  
about the same time that Lewis dropped  
out of sight.

CANNON WILL STAY  
IN DANVILLE AWHILE

Speaker Declines to Spend Thanks-  
giving on Mourners' Bench  
In Washington.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon will not be in any  
hurry to come back to Washington and  
join any old cronies on the mourners'  
bench. Secretary Busby has received a  
telegram from the Speaker announcing  
that he has a powerful lot of private  
business to attend to in Danville and  
that he is going to stay there and at-  
tend to it.

To Speaker Cannon Danville looks  
mighty good as a place in which to bury  
election sorrows.

The election of November 8 did not  
give "Uncle Joe" much to be thankful  
for, but he will eat his turkey at home  
where he will not have his meal spoiled  
by disgruntled Republicans.

It is not expected that Speaker Cannon  
will reach Washington for a week or ten  
days.

SOUSA WELL AGAIN.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 18.—John  
Philip Sousa, the bandmaster and com-  
poser of marches, has left the New  
Haven Hospital, entirely cured of his  
recent attack of malaria.

## CHICAGO PACKERS CORNER WORLD'S SUPPLY OF MEAT

With No Competition They  
Are Ready for Democrats  
to Remove Duty.

## CONSULS' REPORTS DISCLOSE FACTS

Companies in South America Not  
Entirely Owned By U. S. Cap-  
italists Are Said to Be In Pact.

## How Chicago Packers Hold World in Grasp

Anticipating meat would be placed  
on the free list they went into  
South America and began buying  
up only competition of any  
danger.

Argentina is now practically domi-  
nated by Chicago packers.

Where unable to buy out competi-  
tors, American packers have en-  
tered into agreements.

Reports to Department of Commerce  
and Labor show meat companies  
in Argentina make big profits.

Instead of sending their own beef  
to the United States when scar-  
city in this country sends prices  
up, packers send their Argentina  
product to Europe.

That the Chicago meat packers are in  
absolute control of the meat supply of  
the world, with the possible exception  
of that in Australia, and that they have  
already entrenched themselves in South  
America to prevent competition in the  
United States in the event a Democratic  
House puts meat on the free list, is  
disclosed in reports received by the  
Department of Commerce and Labor  
from its South American commercial  
agents.

Argentina and the United States are  
the two greatest meat producing coun-  
tries in the world. It has generally  
been supposed that Argentina would  
furnish the meats to enter into competi-  
tion with the Chicago packers as  
soon as the duty was taken off by  
Congress. It now develops that the  
Chicago packers will be little concerned  
about a tariff on meats since their in-  
terests in Argentina have become so  
extensive that they dominate the  
markets there, just as in the United  
States, and where they have been un-  
able to buy outright they have entered  
into agreements as to selling prices,  
etc.

One of the latest reports received at  
the Department of Commerce and La-  
bor states that the extent of the in-  
terests of the Chicago packers in Ar-  
gentina is only partially known to the pub-  
lic, but they admittedly hold two of  
the seven companies engaged in the  
production and export of cold-storage  
meat, and are believed to have at least  
a working understanding with several  
of the others. The meat is secured  
land for the purpose of establishing new  
plants.

Specific Instances.  
"Two avowedly North American com-  
panies," says a report to the depart-  
ment, "are the La Plata Cold Storage  
Company and the La Blanca Company.  
The former since coming under its pres-  
ent control has risen from a state of  
insignificance to that of the largest  
single producer in the Argentine field.  
Taken together the La Plata and the  
La Blanca companies last year pro-  
duced a third of Argentina's total out-  
put of cold storage meat. The latter  
figure a proportion of the mutton and  
lamb. Their rapid expansion is indi-  
cated by the fact that jointly they  
have chartered all the space in the  
nineteen new steamships ordered by  
the Nelson line for the river Plate fresh  
meat trade. The importance of the  
position of the Chicago companies in  
Argentina is that, apparently, it  
puts the meat industry in the two prin-  
cipal producing countries of the world  
under the control of the Chicago pack-  
ers. The increase in the home consumption  
having cut down our exports in marked  
degree."

"Argentina has been looked upon as  
a competitor of the United States in  
the beef industry, and has even been  
considered by some as a possible source  
of cheaper meat for this country. The  
present outlook there lends no color  
to such supposition. Shipments of beef  
from the River Plate to the United  
States may come shortly, but they will  
probably be directed by the same in-  
terests which supply the market here,  
not in opposition to them."

To Build Own Plants.  
"It seems likely that in the future  
the United States packers will build  
plants of their own rather than ac-  
quire existing ones. The Armour, Mor-  
ris, and Schwarzschild & Sulzberger  
companies have already done this at  
Zarate, probably with this in view."

That the supply of meat in Argentina  
is plentiful is indicated in another re-  
port to the department. In 1909 there  
was produced 2,612,342 carcasses of  
frozen mutton or lamb, 1,456,211 quar-  
ters of frozen beef, and 1,814,455 quar-  
ters of chilled beef. The profits of the  
meat companies operating in Argentina,  
according to the department reports  
range from 6 to 50 per cent. It is stated  
that the Chicago companies have no  
intention of shipping any of the beef,  
mutton or lamb to the United States.

Another report to the department in-  
dicates that the Chicago packers have  
entered into a combination with the  
meat producers they were unable to  
buy out.